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November 13, 2007

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Acquisition
Gaylord Management Unit – Cheboygan County
The Spross Tract
Land Transaction Case #20070213

Purchase Price: 160 acres - \$325,000.00

Description: Cheboygan County, Ellis Township, T34N, R02W, Section 36:
the Northwest ¼.

Seller: Spross Family Trust, Ottawa, Illinois

Option Expires: January 21, 2008

Property Taxes: The property taxes for 2006 were \$1,260.00

Authority: Part 5 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources'
(Department) November 26, 2007 Calendar and is eligible for approval on
December 3, 2007.

Comments: The offered private parcel is located in southern Cheboygan County, five
miles east of the Village of Wolverine and in association with thousands of
acres of State-owned land managed by the Gaylord and Pigeon River
Country Management Units.

The offered 160-acre vacant parcel slopes gently from the southeast to the northwest. The parcel is generally well-drained with sandy soils; the exception being a wetland area in the northwest quarter of the parcel. Forest cover is predominated by mixed northern hardwoods, aspen, and conifer species. Some quality hardwoods and conifers are present in limited quantities. Access is available directly from Munger Road, a

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county-maintained roadway, which forms the western ½ mile long property boundary. State-owned land borders this parcel to the east, south, and west. In addition, the land is bordered on the north by land that has been protected by a conservation easement held by the Little Traverse Conservancy.

Acquisition of this private in-holding will consolidate ownership, prevent fractionalization of the land-base, increase public recreational opportunities, and secure additional wildlife habitat.

The purchase will include all mineral rights owned by the seller.

Recommendation: That this tract be approved for purchase with payment to be made from the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund, and/or from funds appropriated for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, State Forest Land Consolidation Initiative, as approved in Act 59, Public Acts of 2007.

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I approve the staff recommendation.

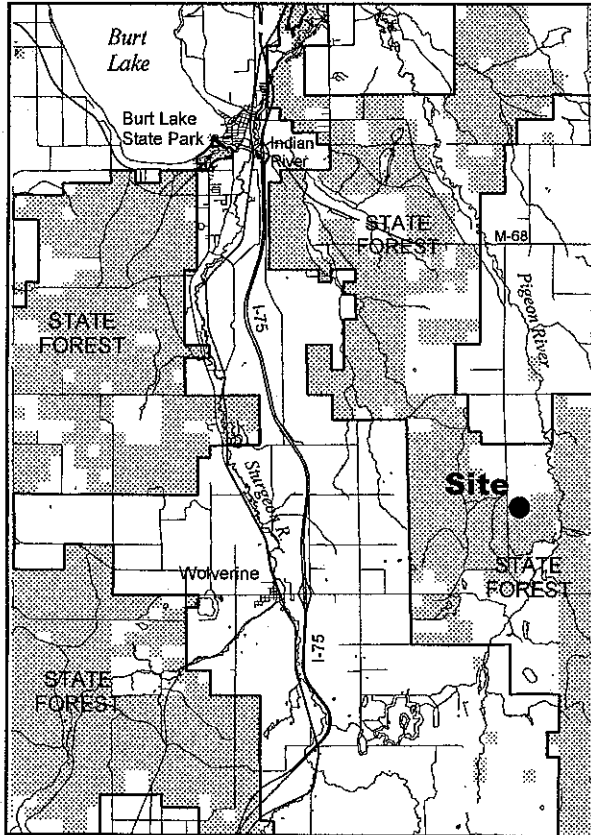
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Date Approved

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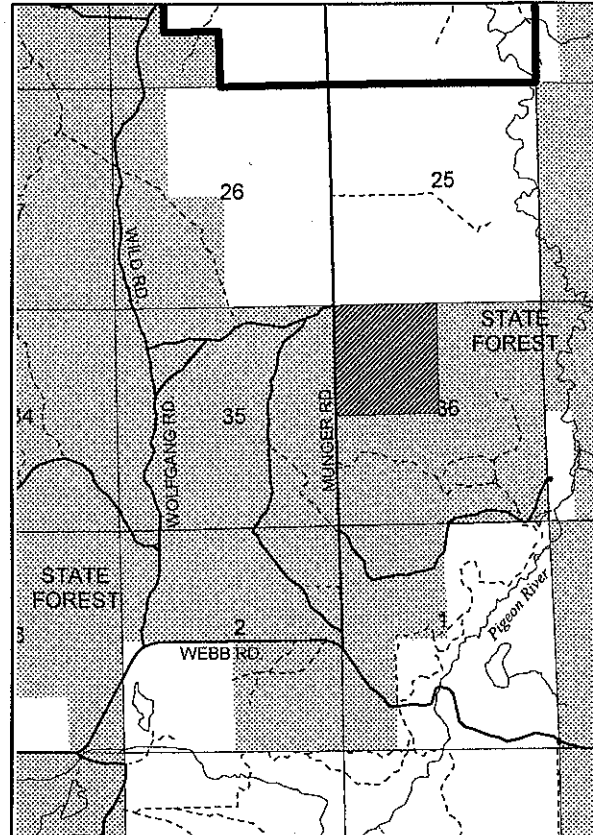
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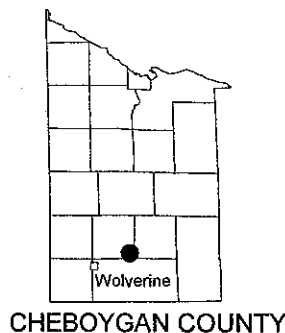
Regional Location

- State Park or State Forest Boundary
- ▨ State Land



Section 36, T34N, R02W, Ellis Township

- State Park or State Forest Boundary
- ▨ Land Offered to DNR
(160.00 acres-\$325,000.00)
- ▨ State Land
- Private Land



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